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For: ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER OR TRANSACTION SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR A DECLARATION OF
INTERFERENCE WITH U.S. PATENT NO. 6,098,879**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the continuation application
filed herewith as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, and before the section entitled "FIELD OF THE INVENTION," please
insert the following new paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No.:
09/658,622 filed September 8, 2000, entitled "Electronic Fund Transfer or Transaction